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SUBJECT: FRASER SUBCOMMITTEE HEARINGS - MARCH 21

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SUMMARY: MARCH 21 FRASER HEARINGS FOCUSSED ON QUESTION WHY JUSTICE INVESTIGATIONS OF RADIO FREE ASIA AND TONGSUN PARK IN 1971 PRODUCED NO RESULTS. JUSTICE AND FBI OFFICIALS AND FORMER ATTORNEY GENERAL MITCHELL DREW SOMEWHAT INCONCLUSIVE SCENARIO, CHARACTERIZED MORE BY LACK OF RIGOR THAN ANY SIGN OF CONSCIOUS COVER-UP. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE OFFICIAL ALSO DESCRIBED HIS ABORTIVE EFFORTS TO DETERMINE IF TONGSUN PARK WAS ROKG AGENT. CONGRESSMAN FRASER DOMINATED QUESTIONING. OTHERWISE ONLY CONGRESSMAN DERWINSKI AND GOODLING WERE PRESENT. END SUMMARY.

1. JAMES HISE, FORMER CHIEF OF DOJ'S (FOREIGN AGENT)
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REGISTRATION SECTION LED OFF WITH TESTIMONY THAT CONCEDED HIS SECTION MIGHT HAVE PRESSED FBI HARDER TO INVESTIGATE WHETHER RADIO OF FREE ASIA (ROFA) AND TONGSUN PARK WERE FOREIGN AGENTS. AGREEING THAT DEPARTMENT'S REQUEST TO JUSTICE IN OCTOBER 1971 FOR THIS INVESTIGATION CAME FROM UNUSUALLY HIGH LEVEL AND CALLED FOR MORE ATTENTION THAN USUAL, HISE INDICATED THAT FBI

HAD NOT DONE MUCH AND THAT ITS RESPONSE TO DOJ REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION WAS UNSATISFACTORY. HE GAVE NO CLEAR INDICATION HOWEVER, WHY MATTER NOT PURSUED, NOTING ONLY THAT HE RECALLED NO PRESSURE FROM ABOVE TO HALT OR EASE UP ON INVESTIGATION.

2. FBI SPECIAL AGENT WILL MCDONNELL THEN REVIEWED HIS ROLE IN PREPARING MEMOS TO FBI WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE REQUESTING INVESTIGATION UNDER FOREIGN AGENTS REGISTRATION ACT. MEMO TO FIELD SPECIFICALLY LIMITED INVESTIGATION TO ROFA OFFICERS, PAK BO HI AND YANG YOU CHANG, BUT TESTIMONY PROVIDED NO CLEAR INDICATION AS TO REASON FOR THESE LIMITATIONS. AS IT TURNED OUT INVESTIGATION PRODUCED LITTLE INFORMATION IN MCDONNELL'S VIEW AND RESULTS WERE THEREFORE NOT FORWARDED TO JUSTICE. ON BASIS THESE CONCLUSIONS FBI AND SUBSEQUENTLY JUSTICE CONCLUDED ROFA AND ITS PRINCIPLES HAD NOT INCURRED ANY OBLIGATION UNDER FOREIGN AGENTS REGISTRATION ACT.

3. MOST SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF TESTIMONY THEN CAME FROM MCDONNELL AND FORMER ATTORNEY GENERAL MITCHELL, WHO DESCRIBED HANDLING OF THREE TOP SECRET U.S. INTELLIGENCE AGENCY MEMOS THAT MCDONNELL RECEIVED AND FORWARDED ON EYES ONLY BASIS TO ATTORNEY GENERAL AND NATIONAL

SECURITY ADVISOR KISSINGER DURING THIS PERIOD.
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SANITIZED SUMMARIES OF THREE MEMOS, WHICH DATED SEPTEMBER 30, NOVEMBER 24, 1971 AND FEBRUARY 3, 1972, WERE READ INTO RECORD. FIRST REPORTED THAT TWO CONGRESS-

IONAL STAFF AIDES WERE CONNECTED WITH KCIA. SECOND SAID THAT: TSP HAD MADE PAYMENTS TO A CONGRESSMAN WITH MONEY RECEIVED IN RICE DEALS; TSP UNDER KCIA DIRECTION BUT NOT EMPLOYEE AS SUCH; ROKG HAD SPENT LARGE SUMS TO CONTROL JOURNALISTS IN U.S.; AND BLUE HOUSE WAS DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN DIRECTING CONTRIBUTION OF SEVERAL HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS TO DEMOCRATIC PARTY. THIRD MEMO ALLEGED THAT A CONGRESSMAN WHO HAD SOUGHT CAMPAIGN FUNDS FROM PRESIDENT PARK PUSHED PRESIDENT FOR LARGER ROLE FOR TSP IN U.S. LOBBYING. MCDONNELL SAID HE HAD ASKED FOR AND RECEIVED U.S. INTELLIGENCE AGENCY PERMISSION TO DISTRIBUTE ALL THREE MEMOS TO MITCHELL AND KISSINGER BUT NO FURTHER DISTRIBUTION WAS ALLOWED AND NO INVESTIGATIVE ACTION WAS TAKEN ON BASIS INTELLIGENCE MEMOS. TIGHT DISSEMINATION RESTRICTIONS WERE PLACED ON MEMOS AT INTELLIGENCE AGENCY REQUEST SAID MCDONNELL. SUBCOMMITTEE STAFF MEMBER MICHAEL HERSHMAN TOLD COMMITTEE THAT INTELLIGENCE AGENCY OFFICER

INVOLVED DISPUTES THIS.

4. IN TESTIMONY CONCLUDING SESSION, MITCHELL SAID HE HAD SEEN FIRST INTELLIGENCE MEMO AND DISCUSSED IT WITH HOUSE SPEAKER CARL ALBERT, WHO ACCORDING TO MITCHELL HAD RECEIVED INFORMATION PASSIVELY AND INDICATED NO ACTION NECESSARY. MITCHELL CLAIMED HE HAD NEVER SEEN SECOND AND THIRD INTELLIGENCE MEMOS. FACT THAT SECOND MEMO DID NOT APPEAR IN HIS OFFICE LOGS AND THAT THIRD MEMO SHOWED MITCHELL'S INITIALS IN SOMEONE ELSE'S HAND WRITING APPEARED TO CONFIRM THIS. MITCHELL ALSO NOTED SARDONICALLY THAT HE CERTAINLY WOULD RECALL AND WOULD HAVE TAKEN ACTION ON SECOND INTELLIGENCE MEMO, INDICATING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LARGE MONEY FLOWS TO DEMOCRATS, IF HE HAD SEEN IT. MITCHELL HAD NO EXPLANATION WHY HE HAD NOT SEEN LATTER TWO MEMOS.

5. AS FOR DEPARTMENT'S REQUEST FOR FOREIGN AGENT REGISTRATION ACT INVESTIGATION MITCHELL SAID SIMPLY HE HAD NOT FOLLOWED IT CLOSELY AND HAD ASKED ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL MARDIAN TO TAKE ACTIONS REQUESTED BY DEPARTMENT. FINAL ANSWER TO DEPARTMENT HAD BEEN SENT AFTER MITCHELL LEFT JUSTICE.

6. FOURTH WITNESS OF SESSION WAS AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR GEORGE BLAKE. HE DESCRIBED HIS SUSPICIONS THAT TSP WAS ROKG AGENT, INELIGIBLE FOR COMMISSIONS ON RICE DEALS, AND HIS EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH THIS. REQUESTS TO OTHER AGENCIES FOR BACKGROUND CHECKS AND INQUIRIES SENT TO INTERNAL REVENUE ALL TURNED UP NEGATIVE, HOWEVER. USDA INVESTIGATION WAS CONSEQUENTLY CLOSED. VANCE

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